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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

- The international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- the claims:
 pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____, as amended (togeter with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- the drawings:
 pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____

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- the description, pages _____
- the claims, Nos. _____
- the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- the sequence listing (specify): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	6	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-5	YES
	Claims	6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**List of documents****Document 1:**

KAKEMI, Kazuo et al., Chemical structure, physicochemical properties, and stability of prulifloxacin, Iyakuhin Kenkyu, January 20, 1997, Vol. 28, No. 1, p. 1-11

Document 2:

JP 1-294680 A (Nippon Shinyaku Co., Ltd.) November 28, 1989 & EP 315828 A1 & EP 315828 B1 & JP 07051579 B4 & AT 74608 E & ES 2031569 T3 & ZA 8808186 A & AU 8824673 A1 & AU 608911 B2 & DK 8806163 A & DK 172077 B1 & CN 1033055 A & CN 1024194 B & FI 8805128 A & FI 88618 B & FI 88618 C & NO 8804958 A & NO 177934 B & NO 177934 C & CA 1316925 A1 & IL 88303 A1 & US 5086049 A

Claim 6

Based on the description in document 1 cited in the international search report, the invention of claim 6 lacks novelty and an inventive step.

Document 1 states that three crystalline forms (type I, type II, and type III) are obtained depending on crystallization conditions when recrystallization of prulifloxacin from acetonitrile is performed (see page 4, "section 2.1 Crystal Forms").

In light of the fact that acetonitrile is used as the recrystallization solvent, this examination finds that an acetonitrile solvate of prulifloxacin will be formed among the crystals obtained by recrystallization described in document 1.

Generally speaking, after recrystallization, the final crystals are obtained after going through a drying process by conventional means such as heating the crystals obtained thereby under reduced pressure. Therefore, this examination finds that in the method for producing type III crystals of prulifloxacin recrystallized from acetonitrile described in document 1 includes a process step wherein the solvent of the acetonitrile solvate of prulifloxacin produced by recrystallization from acetonitrile is removed by a conventional drying process to produce type III crystals of prulifloxacin.

Claims 1-5

The inventions of claims 1-5 are novel and involve an inventive step with respect to documents 1 and 2 cited in the international search report.

Documents 1 and 2 neither describe nor suggest the inventions of claims 1-5.